STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a NATIONAL GRID'S PROPOSED POWER SECTOR TRANSFORMATION VISION AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN - DOCKET NO. 4780

NOTICE OF TECHNICAL RECORD SESSION

Pursuant to the provisions of the R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 39-1-1 and 42-46-6, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will conduct the first in a series of Technical Sessions on **Friday, January 26, 2018 at 9:30 A.M.** in Hearing Room A at the PUC's office located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island.

This docket relates to the PUC's review of National Grid's proposed Power Sector Transformation (PST) Vision and Implementation Plan (Plan). The Plan includes the following proposals: (1) grid modernization-enabling investments; (2) advanced metering functionality; (3) beneficial electrification proposals, including an electric heat initiative and an electric transportation initiative; (4) utility-owned energy storage and solar demonstration program; and (5) a rewards program for income-eligible customers. In support of these proposals, the Plan also includes proposed performance incentive mechanisms, a cost recovery tariff designed to recover the Company's incremental costs associated with PST activities, and a description of the revenue requirement associated with the Plan.

This Technical Session will focus on Chapters 3 (Modern Grid) and 10 (Funding the Transformation) of Book One of National Grid's proposed Plan as well as National Grid's prefiled testimony in this docket. The purpose of this Technical Session is to gain an understanding how the components of the investment in a Modern Grid as discussed in Chapter 3 of National Grid's proposed Plan are intended to work with the current programs and rate recovery mechanisms. The Technical Session will look at the overall investment plan, timing of investment and implementation, and various cost recovery processes. The Technical Record Session will also involve discussion of how National Grid proposes to recover the costs associated with ongoing and future investments in a the distribution system across rate filings, including Infrastructure, Safety, and Reliability, Energy Efficiency, System Reliability Procurement, and the PST Plan.

Representatives from National Grid will make a brief presentation with an opportunity for questions during and after the presentation from the PUC and parties' representatives.

There will be an opportunity for public comment at the conclusion of the Technical Session.

The schedule of the remaining Technical Sessions can be found in the Procedural Schedule which is posted on the PUC's website. The proposal and procedural schedule is available for examination at the PUC's office. The docket can also be accessed on the PUC's

website at: http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4780page.html. Reference is also made to Chapters 42-35 and 39-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

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Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk January 24, 2018